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DEPLOYMENT INITIATIVES

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[B. ASHGABAT 16](#)

[¶1.](#) (U) Sensitive but unclassified. Not for public Internet.

[¶2.](#) (SBU) Since post reported in Ref B on Turkmenistan's initiatives to broaden access to dial-up Internet services, the government has not announced any tenders for Internet equipment or service providers. President Berdimuhamedov has not recently voiced support for the expansion of high-speed Internet. The president last made a show of support for Internet in April 2008 in his call for "Internet access in every home, school, and kindergarten," following which the Ministry of Communications signed a contract worth \$427,000 to purchase high-speed Internet equipment and to lease bandwidth from British and Lithuanian companies.

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